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SUBJECT: CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB BY FOREIGN
MINISTER KIM

1. FOREIGN MINISTER KIM DONG JO CALLED ON ASSISTANT
SECRETARY HABIB AUGUST 29, ACCOMPANIED BY ASSISTANT
MINISTER KIM CHUNG TAI AND AMBASSADOR HAHM. IO DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE WAS PRESENT AND ACTING SECRE-
TARY ATTENDED BRIEFLY. DISCUSSION CENTERED PRIMARILY
ON NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AND UN QUESTIONS.

2. NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE: DESPITE FAILURE TO BLOCK NORTH
KOREAN ADMISSION, KIM VIEWED EXERCISE AS HAVING POSITIVE
RESULTS FROM ROK POINT OF VIEW. ROK HAD NOT EXPECTED TO
BE ACCEPTED AS MEMBER BUT HAD SUCCESSFULLY DEMONSTRATED
ITS WILLINGNESS TO ASSOCIATE WITH THE NAC. MEETING WAS
DIVIDED ON THIS ISSUE AND KIM ESTIMATED SOME 42 NAC
MEMBERS SYMPATHIZED OR IN SOME WAY SUPPORTED ROK MEMBER-
SHIP. OUTCOME OF ADMISSION OF NORTH KOREA AND ROK WAS
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DETERMINED BY STEAMROLLER TACTICS OF RADICAL NON-ALIGNED

STATES, MANY OF WHICH THREATENED TO WALK OUT IF ROK ADMITTED. KIM SAID MORE STATES SYMPATHETIC TO SEOUL WHICH ARE NOT NAC MEMBERS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN IN EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN MODERATE FORCES IN NAC.

HABIB AGREED THAT NAC CONSIDERATION OF KOREAN MEMBERSHIP HAD DEMONSTRATED SUPPORT FOR THE ROK FROM SOME UNEXPECTED QUARTERS.

3. UN MEMBERSHIP FOR KOREA: KIM THOUGHT PRINCIPAL LESSON OF NAC FOR KOREAN MEMBERSHIP IN UN WAS NEED TO STRONGLY EMPHASIZE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY. HABIB SAID WE EXPECT A UNGA RESOLUTION URGING MEMBERSHIP FOR THE TWO VIET NAMS WILL BE INTRODUCED AND PASS. OUR OPTIONS ARE TO SEEK AN AMENDMENT TO COVER KOREAN MEMBERSHIP, INTRODUCE OUR OWN RESOLUTION OR DO NOTHING. WE NEED TO CAREFULLY ESTIMATE VOTES ON THESE ALTERNATIVES BEFORE MAKING OUR DECISION. LOSING BY A SMALL MARGIN WOULD BE A SATISFACTORY OUTCOME UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. HABIB ASSURED KIM US WOULD CONTINUE TO VETO VIETNAMESE MEMBERSHIP AS LONG AS ROK EXCLUDED BY OTHER SIDE. IN RESPONSE TO KIM'S QUESTION, HABIB STATED THAT THERE BROAD CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR USING VETO FOR THIS PURPOSE.

4. UNGA RESOLUTION ON KOREA: KIM SAID ROK CURRENTLY ESTIMATES OUR RESOLUTION WILL PASS BY TEN TO TWENTY VOTES. HOSTILE RESOLUTION ALSO HAS GOOD CHANCE OF PASSING AND OUR EFFORTS SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON MAXIMIZING NUMBER OF NEGATIVE VOTES. KIM WILL BE IN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 1-7 TO LOBBY. HABIB URGED HIM TO CONCENTRATE PARTICULARLY ON PHILIPPINES, THAILAND AND AUSTRALIA. KIM NOTED IMPORTANCE OF GETTING SWEDEN AND FRANCE (WHOSE AMENDMENT WE ACCEPTED LAST YEAR) TO VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION. KIM ASKED IF WE HAD DISCUSSED OUR RESOLUTION WITH THE PRC. HABIB REPLIED THAT CHINESE HAVE SHOWN NO INTEREST IN TALKING ABOUT KOREA DESPITE OUR EFFORTS.

5. OTHER SUBJECTS: KIM RAISED PRESS REPORTS THAT PRIME MINISTER MIKI HAD GIVEN PRESIDENT MESSAGE FROM NORTH
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KOREA. HABIB STATED CATEGORICALLY THERE HAD BEEN NO SUCH MESSAGE. MIKI HAD ONLY MADE PASSING REFERENCE TO PRESS ACCOUNTS OF UTSUNOMIYA'S COMMENTS AND MIKI HAD TOLD PRESIDENT UTSUNOMIYA WAS NOT HIS REPRESENTATIVE. HABIB RECALLED OUR ASSURANCES THAT WE WILL CONSULT THE ROK ON ANY CONTACTS WITH NORTH KOREA. IN CONCLUDING, HABIB REQUESTED THAT KIM INFORM PRESIDENT PARK OF OUR APPRECIATION FOR GENEROUS AMOUNTS OF TIME HE HAD DEVOTED TO

LARGE NUMBER OF RECENT U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS
VISITING SEOUL.

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